

Abstract:

Further education of lawyers in specialist professions

Education isn't finished when we obtain a diploma at high school or university but continues and follows us all, and our professional life. I chose this diploma thesis topic in time when I was working with education specialists on an online learning platform first as a tester and later as part of the team. That platform was developed for needs of further education of teachers. I realized I have not heard much about education of lawyers and tried to examine that topic more.

I have first looked at the educational process of Czech lawyers particularly into professions of attorneys, notaries and judges. First analysis was aimed at the primary learning program for young lawyers – trainees. I wanted to see the methods of every profession separately to have a good idea of the concepts in use. After that I have examined the continuing education of lawyers who already passed their bar exams (or other relevant exam). After getting an image of the professional learning programs I started to explore foreign approaches to this topic. Choice for attorneys comparison was Germany and Netherlands and for judges France and Netherlands.

In the thesis I was comparing primarily introductory courses for attorneys and judges as all institutions responsible for educating young lawyers are concentrated most on these programs. After that I introduced several educational trends that I have encountered with during my work.

From my research I have reached three advices or solutions that should be introduced to the education of lawyers in specialist professions. I believe that the bodies that are supposed to take care of the education should carry out more guidelines concerning already practicing lawyers and the future attorneys, notaries and judges whose continuing education will be ongoing for rest of their careers.

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